

THE TOKEN HUNTER



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Dedicated to the collection, recording and preservation of tokens and medals

MARCH SPEAKER

We are pleased to announce that Mr. David Freed will be the guest speaker at this month's meeting held on Thursday, March 26th.

Most of you are already acquainted with Mr. Freed or know of his token collections. But, for those of you who do not know, he was one of the first token collectors in Utah. He began collecting collecting tokens in 1970. He has the largest collection of Utah tokens, and is also a collector of Saloon tokens. Because of his experience in token collecting, he is considered an expert.

Mr. Freed will be speaking to us on the history of tokens and how it all began.

We hope to see everyone at the meeting on the 26th. It should be another great meeting.

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

There is a lot more to collecting trade tokens than going to your local coin shop once a month, with money in your pockets and picking out a couple of choice BU coins to upgrade the ones you already have.

As in all collecting, you must know your pieces, what is rare, and approximate values. But, with token collecting you can take the term BU and throw it out the door. A token can be quite valuable in just readable condition if it is the only token known from that particular town in the Western United States. Therefore, knowledge of rarity can make the difference between making money and losing your shirt. Unfortunately you cannot go into a coin shop and pick up this year's price guide of Utah tokens. Even if you could, some of the information would be outdated within a month of publication; if not before.

After visiting every coin shop in the valley and still not finding the token you have been hunting for, you will start looking at other alternatives - antique shops, flea markets, coin shows, pawn shops, garage sales, gun shows, etc. You may even find yourself spending a few nights in the library looking through old directories to find family names of original store owners or barkeeps. But as you talk to some of the old-timers, your appreciation of them and their histories may bring you some extremely nice looking trade tokens.

There is another alternative -- metal detecting. Whenever you see someone metal detecting, take a few minutes and ask him if he has found any trade tokens. Some people find them and don't know what to do with them. I have only been metal detecting for two years and have found three trade tokens. So, someone who has been detecting for 10 or 20 years may have quite a few tokens. Metal detecting opens up another world for finding trade tokens. You may wish to travel to a ghost town just to detect for tokens. Even if you don't find any tokens, you may find other treasures. But remember; the key to finding treasure in ghost towns is to know more about the town than those who have been there before. Take your time. If you find one good piece in a day, you are doing well. GOOD LUCK!

--John Sroka



LOST TREASURE

GLEN'S CORNER

By Glen Sidwell

A couple of weeks ago while driving around town, I decided to go to a place called White's Baseball Park on North Temple across from the fairgrounds. I have been there before with a metal detector but the results were very poor, mainly because it was during the summer months.

On this day things were different. The ground was very wet enabling me to get the detector down deep into the ground. After searching for a couple of minutes, I got a fairly good signal. It was about 2½ inches & up popped two nickel sized coins. After closer inspection, these simply proved to be nickel sized slugs.

Next up came a holed amusement token, then two more zinc slugs. After this I found a Jimpson and Bunker, 42 East Second South, good for 5¢ in trade. Things were beginning to look up. After many more slugs were located, a few more tokens came up. In these included 2 Spriggs and Crooks, both small and large 5 varieties; A Mink Brothers Billiard Parlor, good for 5¢ in trade; a Salt Lake Police Department token; A Kenyon Club, good for 5¢ in trade; a Z Park City, good for 25¢ in trade; and what I consider the best find that day, a Wasatch Store Company Token, good for 5¢ in trade from Clear Creek, Utah.

The next day I detected the same area and Bruce Robinson and Harold Franke showed up. After not finding much we decided to dig up the area for any deeper tokens. Unfortunately this only yielded

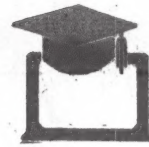
two more Kenyon Clubs and several nickel sized slugs. I am sure there are more finds in the area. One place I wanted to look, was under a few inches of water. But I am sure it will be dried up at the time of this writing. If you have a desire to try this spot, it is across North Temple from the fairgrounds, on the road to the Salt Lake and Garfield Railroad. You will find our diggings just to the left side of the road.

The owner of the Salt Lake and Garfield also informed me that Whites Park has been purchased by the State of Utah and may possibly be a parking lot soon.

Good luck!



EDUCATIONAL PAGE



(The following is a reprint from a Special Edition of the Token Hunter, printed in 1986.)

WHAT IS A TOKEN

Did you ever ride a bus, streetcar, ferry, or cross a toll bridge that required you to use a token? If you did, what you used is called a vecture. If you lived in Salt Lake City back around 1901, (the good old days), a man with a thirst walked into a nearby Saloon and got a drink. Chances are he paid for it with a coin called a Trade Token. Perhaps you were one of those people born lucky and did not have to carry a good luck coin, like so many did in the 1920's and 1930's. Perhaps you know of someone who won a medal

So what is a token? Simply put, it is usually a coin struck and used by private businesses. A piece of metal stamped and exchanged for a higher value than the metal is worth or stamped with other wording and for various purposes instead of money. There are tokens that say, "Good for a Drink", "Good for a Cigar", "Good for 12½¢ in Trade", and even tokens that say "Good for 10 sticks of powder", plus dozens of different needs. Actually, tokens were made out of the most common metals; brass, white metal, aluminum, copper, but also they were created from paper, fibre, cardboard, celluloid, wood, and lately plastic. Just about all shapes are represented; round, octagonal, square, petal (scalloped), and many have different types of cut-outs in the center. Up to now, just under 4,000 have been discovered by collectors from towns and cities all over Utah. It is also estimated that a possible 20,000 more may be laid in the ground, in boxes in dark corners, or hidden in trunks of attics. Many

are found by metal detector enthusiasts, bottle diggers, or the average householder in drawers. Pieces may be purchased for a little as ten cents, some up into the higher figures.

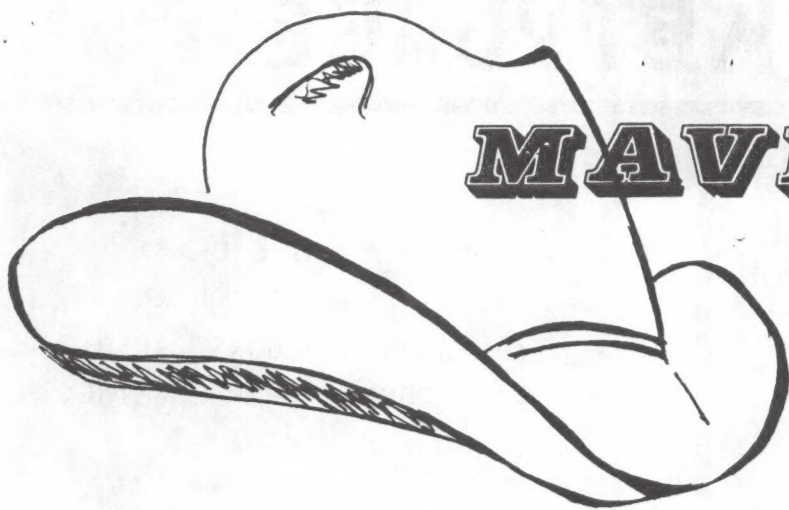
Medals are a fascinating collectable with a wide field of study open to the discerning collector. They cover a most interesting and instructive scope and have such a personal link. There is something thrilling and satisfying to have a medal won by men who took part in battles, or who formed part of a team as did early Mormon Pioneers in the founding of Utah.

Would you like a three dimensional view of history and a hobby that is relatively inexpensive, highly intriguing, extremely interesting, rewarding, and fascinating. Then how about prospecting for the thousands of little treasures known as tokens? Largely overlooked by collectors, tokens, checks, scrip, - call them what you will - may still be found all round you.

If you are not already a member of the NATIONAL UTAH TOKEN SOCIETY, then come and join. If you are a member, tell a friend to become a token NUT!



NO ONE HAS FOUND THE HIDDEN TREASURE THAT BOB CAMPBELL OF ALL ABOUT COINS IS OFFERING. BOB HAS GIVEN ALL THE CLUES, BUT THE TREASURE IS STILL THERE. WATCH THE TOKEN HUNTER NEXT MONTH FOR ANSWERS TO SOME OF THE CLUES THAT HAVE BEEN GIVEN.



MAVERICKS

On June 29th of last year, Glen Sidwell and myself were about to call it a day, after spending hours of detecting, when we drove past a house on about 9th South and 2nd East. We noticed a couple of men putting up a chain link fence in an area where the grass had been removed. We could not pass it by, so we stopped and asked the men if we could

could detect in this area. They said that the house was to be converted into office space and that where the lawn was would soon be blacktop.

After receiving permission, we proceeded to metal detect that area. Within 10 minutes, I found the token below. If anyone has any information as to the age or where it may be from, please contact Bryan Moulton at 964-2515.



COLLECTOR'S



This month we are putting the spotlight on Bill & Sue Turpela. Bill is one of the Wagonmasters this year.

Bill and Sue are new to token collecting. Bill has been a long-time coin collector, and has been collecting since he was a child. He now has quite a good coin collection.

Included in this collection is a 1913 S, type 2, Buffalo nickel that Bill found in West Dip, Utah. Sue found a 1892 dime by Kimberly.

Bill and Sue have been token collecting since 1985 when they decided to purchase a metal detector. They are now avid NUTS!!!

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THE MARKETPLACE

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FROM THE WAGONMASTERS

We have planned the trips for 1987! You will notice on your events calendar the trips are almost the same as last year's, with the exception of Fish Springs. We will be going to Fish Springs, April 25th and 26th. Also this year we have planned for the weekend of August 15-16, a Rush Valley trip. With so many areas in Rush Valley such as: West dip, Jacob City, Topliff and Sunshine, we felt it would be a nice weekend trip. We will all find a spot to camp and use as a home base. We can all take off from the home base to any spot your heart desires. We will also be visiting the ghost town of Joy over the Labor Day weekend. We hope these events will meet with most everyone's approval.

We would like to see a good turnout this year. So, plan to come out and have a GOOD TIME!

So long for now.

-Your Wagonmaster

P.S. The events calendar is on the back of this page. Tear it out and put it somewhere to remind you.

RAFFLE!

The following items will be raffled off at the next meeting.

1. Mills Novelty - cut out
2. Park City "Z"
3. Hooper Amusement Co. - 5¢ in trade
4. W.S. Co. - Castlegate - Good for exploder
5. MEXICAN 2 PESOS GOLD PIECE

The door prize will be a token for H.A. Ogden - Good for 5¢ in trade.

SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING!!!



1987 DIGS!

The following is a calendar of events for the next six months that the Wagonmasters talked about on the previous page. Be sure to put this page somewhere you will be sure to see it, or put these dates on your own calendar. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE NEXT DIG!

April 25, 26 - Fish Springs
 May 23, 24, 25 - Frisco
 June 13, 14 - Eureka
 June 27, 28 - Token Show

July 24, 25, 26 - Kimberly
 August 15, 16 - Rush Valley
 August 20 - Club Picnic
 Sept. 5, 6, 7 - Joy

April 1987

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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		CLUB PICNIC				
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June 1987

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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				TOKEN SHOW		
28	29	30				

September 1987

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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					JOY	
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COIN - SHOW - NEWS

By George Wilson

The month of March brings us to the halfway point before our 3rd Annual N.U.T.S. Coin and Token Show.

Our first publicity mailing has been made and you will soon be seeing listings for our show in the various Numismatic publications.

Each of our board members has taken a position as a committee chairperson.

John Sroka - Exhibits
Ross & Laura Seely - Security
Robin Sidwell - Hospitality
Glen Sidwell - Publicity
Bryan Moulton - Set up & take down
Mary Moulton - Finance
George Wilson - General chairman
Bob Campbell - Bourse chairman

These people need the help and cooperation of all members in order for this year's show to be a success.

In conjunction with this year's show, we will be producing a special medal.

The price for this year's medal will be slightly higher than last year's medal. We will again have to have 100 pre-paid orders before production can begin.

The selection of the design for the 1987 medal will be by popular vote at the March meeting. If you want to enter your design, bring it to the meeting on March 26th.

Also, keep an eye out for our coin show exhibit application. I would like to point out that there is a special category for hand held collectables. So you can exhibit small items other than coins, tokens, etc.

There is also a category for Junior members. This is open to any member who is under 18 years of age. So with these or the other categories, everyone should be able to enter and exhibit.

The last 2 years, and at the A.T.C.O. show, we had a large number of excellent exhibits placed by our members and the members of other organizations. The number of exhibits at our shows has exceeded those of other shows. We hope this trend will continue.

I hope each of you will take the time to help us make this year's show the best ever.

nut's LIBRARY



Robin Sidwell has been given the task of organizing and putting together a club library. The board decided that it was time to get everything organized and saved for reference and future members as to the history of the club. Anyone who has records, past papers, original documents, etc., that is pertinent to the club, please call or give to Robin

NEWS FROM LAST MONTH

By Robin Sidwell

Twenty two people were present at the February 26th meeting to hear a presentation by "Hardrock" Rick Farmer.

Mr. Farmer is the owner of HARDROCK RICK'S on 4500 South, and he is an expert in GOLD!

Mr. Farmer shared with the group some of his extensive knowledge of prospecting. He demonstrated some techniques for panning for gold. This is something I would like to try.

Rick also shared many of his tips for choosing locations for detecting and finding gold.

Special thanks to Hardrock Rick for giving us the information to aid us in locating that "big nuggett" we all dream about!

There were two visitors at the February meeting who also joined the club. They are Don & Deb Sorenson. We all were glad to see you and happy that you decided to join NUTS.

I hope that we all have the opportunity to get to know you better. Welcome aboard Don & Deb.

The winners of the February raffle were as follows:

Jack Janssen-	Riley's Place
Glen Sidwell -	BMC Pool Hall
Jack Janssen-	Talbot Bar
Glen Sidwell -	Mills Novelty
Deb Sorenson -	S & L Cigar Store
Bryan Moulton -	AB Rockville
Jack Janssen-	Bruce Smoke House
Bryan Moulton -	THE GOLD PIECE
Glen Sidwell -	Silver ounce

Seven memberships were renewed at the February meeting. If you have not yet renewed your NUTS membership - do so today! We like having you as a member.

REMINDER!

If you have not yet renewed your membership to the TOKEN HUNTER, be sure to do so this month. This will be the last month that we will send the TOKEN HUNTER to members who have not yet paid their 1987 dues. DO IT TODAY.

Also, at the next meeting on March 26, 1987, we will be voting for a design to put on the 1987 N.U.T.S. medal. Be sure that you bring your designs.

WE HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE AT THE MEETING ON THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH.

ENROLL NOW !

IT IS THAT TIME AGAIN TO PAY YEARLY DUES!!!!!!

We would like to know more about you and your interests. Please take a few minutes to complete the questions below when you fill out the enrollment form. This survey will be used to determine future club activities.

All individual comments are confidential. Personal reference will only be made if you grant us permission. Please be as accurate as possible in responding to each of these questions. Also, please feel free to extend any comments or suggestions that may help the club, a product line, or the hobby in general.

Simply tear this entire page from the TOKEN HUNTER and return to one of the officers or mail to; N.U.T.S., 6143 Rainy Lane, Murray, Utah, 84107.

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Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
2. Do we have your permission to use your name as related to your responses in this questionnaire? NO _____ YES _____
SIGNATURE _____
3. How many years have you been metal detecting? _____
4. Name five types of places you metal detect. 1. _____
2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____
5. What is your favorite type of hunting site? _____

6. What is the oldest coin you have found? _____
7. What is the deepest coin you have found? _____
8. What is the most valuable coin you have found? _____
9. Do you prefer to hunt alone? with a friend? or group? _____
10. Do you relic hunt? _____ If not, would you like to? _____
11. Do you do any prospecting? _____ If no, would you like to? _____
12. What percentage of your coins are pre-1940? _____
13. What percentage of your coins are pre-1910? _____
14. Have you ever asked a total stranger if you could metal detect in their yard? _____ Results? _____

15. Are you satisfied with your present efforts or would you like to work more productive areas, or areas with old-coin potential even if it meant a short trip? _____
16. How many days per week or month do you get out during the summer?
_____ days per _____
17. How many hours do you spend detecting per week? _____
18. How many hours do you spend reading treasure hunting magazines or books per week? _____

19. How many hours do you spend doing research on treasure hunting each week/month? _____
20. What make/model detector(s) do you have now? _____
And which one do you use the most? _____
21. What makes/models would you NOT recommend and why? _____
22. What makes/models are you the most interested in? _____
23. Which feature(s) do you feel are not necessary on today's metal detectors? _____ Why? _____
24. Which features or ideas would you suggest a manufacturer should consider adding? _____
25. What prospecting equipment do you have? _____
26. How many times a year do you go panning or dredging? _____
27. Would you like a club to offer more exciting outings? _____
28. Would you be interested in working on a club committee to do research and site evaluation? _____
29. What topic do you want to have covered in a meeting presentation? _____

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Welcome

We have three new members to the National Utah Token Society. Their names are Richard Ainsworth from Las Vegas, Nevada, and Don and Deb Sorenson from Murray, Utah.

On behalf of all the members we would like to say WELCOME! We look forward to seeing you and meeting you at the next meeting.



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